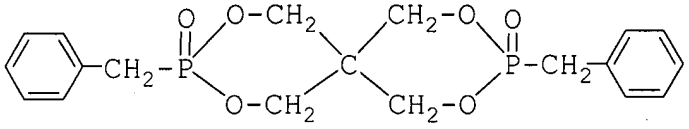
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant resin composition comprising:

(A) 100 parts by weight of a resin component (component a) which ~~substantially~~ comprises a high impact polystyrene having a ~~reduced~~ viscosity η_{sp}/c, of 0.2 to 1.5 dl/g, and

(B) 1 to 50 parts by weight of a phosphorus-containing compound (component b-2) represented by the following formula (I-2-a):



(I-2-a)

wherein the resin composition can achieve retention of a heat distortion temperature under load (M) represented by the following expression of at least 95%[[.]]

$M\ (\%) = (y/x) \times 100$

wherein x represents a heat distortion temperature under load (°C) of an article molded from the resin component (component a) and y represents a heat distortion temperature under load (°C) of an article molded from a resin composition comprising the resin component (component a) and the phosphorus-containing compound (component b-2), said heat distortion temperature under load measured by a method according to ASTM-D648 by use of a ¼-inch test piece under a load of 1.81 MPa (18.5 Kgf/cm^2), and

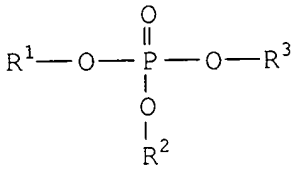
the resin composition can achieve at least a flame retardancy level V-2 in a UL 94 Standard.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The resin composition of claim 1, which further contains at least one compound (component c) selected from the group consisting of the following compounds (c-1) to (c-5) in an amount of 1 to 100 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the phosphorus-containing compound (component b-2) represented by the general formula (I-2-a)[[.]] ,

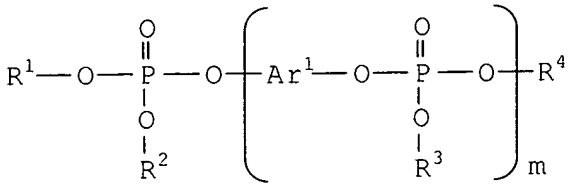
(c-1) red phosphorus

(c-2) triaryl phosphate represented by the following formula (c-2)



(c-2)

(c-3) condensed phosphate represented by the following formula (c-3)



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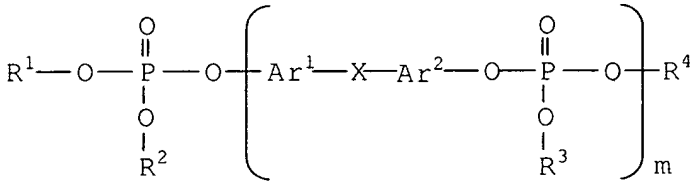

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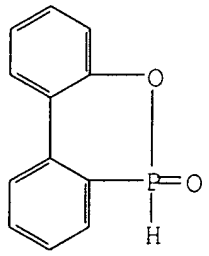

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wherein in the formulae (c-2) to (c-4), R^1 to R^4 may be the same or different and represent an aryl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms which may be substituted by one to five groups selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, an alkylthio group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and a group $-Y-Ar^3$ (wherein Y represents -O-, -S- or an alkylene group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, and Ar^3 represents an aryl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms), Ar^1 and Ar^2, if both are

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4. (Original) The resin composition of claim 1, which further contains dicumyl in an amount of 0.01 to 3 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the resin component (component a).

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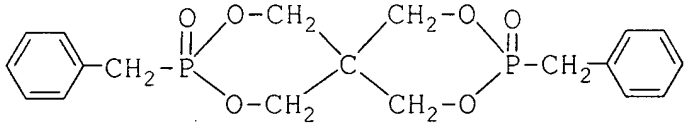

(I-2-a)

and

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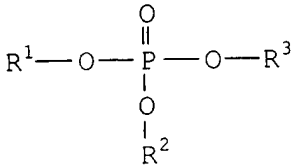

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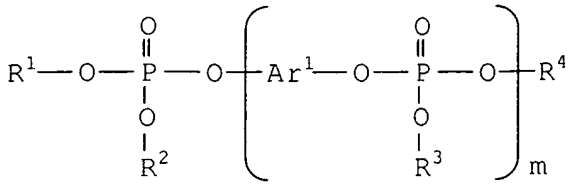

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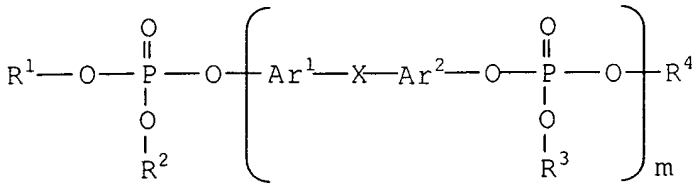

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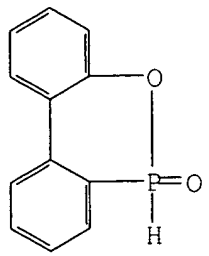

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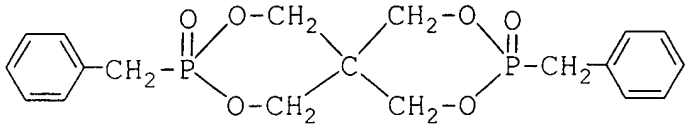

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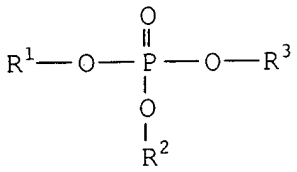

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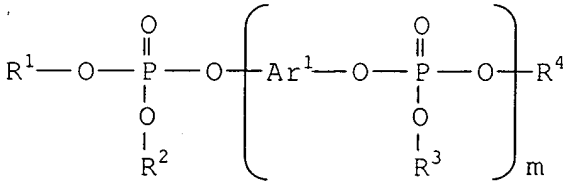

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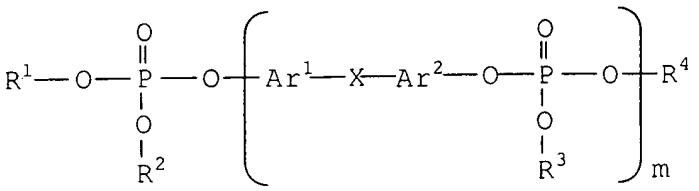

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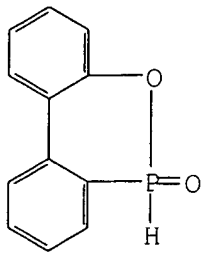

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(D) 0.01 to 3 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the resin component (component a) of dicumyl (component d).